

And I want to say a word of praise for this organization and its constant work to use the opportunity of former parliamentarians here to meet with parliamentarians in other countries and in other regions. The study group for Germany and Japan and the one soon to be established for China, the parliamentary exchanges with Mexico and with Canada, with Eastern Europe and elsewhere have allowed the United States Congress and the United States former Members to share their experiences with parliamentarians, distinguished parliamentarians in other parts of the world, and I think together we advance the cause of democracy by that effort. I do not think there is any higher calling that a former Member of Congress can aspire to than to use whatever experience he or she has in the service of our constituents and in parliamentary democracy to advance it throughout the world.

Again, with great thanks to all of you for the honor you have given me today.

Mr. Chairman, I ask unanimous consent to revise and extend my remarks and I leave the floor. But before I do, let me say one final thing of appreciation to one other Member here today, Bob Michel, with whom I had the great honor of serving all the time I was here and especially when I was Speaker during the time when he was the distinguished Republican leader of the House. If circumstances had been a little different and the electoral cycle a little different, Bob Michel would have been one of the great Speakers of this House, and I am proud to know him. Thank you very much.

Mr. LAROCCO. Without objection, so ordered.

Mr. ERLENBORN. You may be wondering, since I missed a line in my introduction of Tom Foley, what he was doing here today, and that was he was receiving the Statesmanship award. The Distinguished Service Award is being given to Tom Foley. I did not want him to hold the award during his speech, but I have a copy of it here and here is what it says: "Presented by the U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress to the Honorable Thomas S. Foley for his many years of distinguished service to the Nation as U.S. Ambassador to Japan and as a Member of United States Congress for 30 years, including his extraordinary leadership as Democratic Whip, Majority Leader and Speaker of the House of Representatives. Washington, D.C., May 9, 2002."

So now you know.

Thank you again, Tom, for your leadership and service.

Mr. Speaker and members of the Association, we are honored and proud to serve in the U.S. Congress. We are continuing our service to our Nation in other ways now, but hopefully ones that are equally as effective. Again, thank you for letting us return today to this Chamber.

This concludes our 32nd annual report by the U.S. Association of Former

Members of Congress, and thank you all.

Mr. LAROCCO. The Chair would like to recognize the gentleman from Illinois for the following purpose: If the former Members would join me in giving our President, John Erlenborn, an expression of appreciation for his service. Thank you, John.

The Chair again wishes to thank the former Members of the House for their presence here today. Before terminating these proceedings, the Chair would like to invite those former Members who cannot respond when the roll was called to give their names to the Reading Clerk for inclusion on the roll. The Chair wishes to thank the other Members of the House for their presence here today. Good luck to all.

The Chair announces that the House will reconvene at 10:40 a.m.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 25 minutes a.m.) the House continued in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. LATOURETTE) at 10 o'clock and 41 minutes a.m.

PRINTING OF PROCEEDINGS HAD DURING RECESS

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the proceedings had during the recess be printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD and that all Members and former Members who spoke during the recess have the privilege of revising and extending their remarks.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from North Carolina?

There was no objection.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Monahan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2646) "An Act to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2011."

The message also announced that the Senate has passed without amendment in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a concurrent resolution of the House of the following title:

H. Con. Res. 347. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers' Memorial Service.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 4546, BOB STUMP NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2003

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call

up House Resolution 415 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 415

Resolved, That at any time after the adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4546) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2003 for military activities of the Department of Defense, and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2003, and for other purposes. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed one hour equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Armed Services. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule.

SEC. 2. (a) It shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Armed Services now printed in the bill. The committee amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be considered as read. All points of order against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute are waived.

(b) No amendment to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be in order except those printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution and amendments en bloc described in section 3 of this resolution.

(c) Except as specified in section 4 of this resolution, each amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules shall be considered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. Unless otherwise specified in the report, each amendment printed in the report shall be debatable for 10 minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent and shall not be subject to amendment (except as specified in the report and except that the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Armed Services each may offer one pro forma amendment for the purpose of further debate on any pending amendment).

(d) All points of order against amendments printed in the report of the Committee on Rules or amendments en bloc described in section 3 of this resolution are waived.

SEC. 3. It shall be in order at any time for the chairman of the Committee on Armed Services or his designee to offer amendments en bloc consisting of amendments printed in part B of the report of the Committee on Rules not earlier disposed of or germane modifications of any such amendment. Amendments en bloc offered pursuant to this section shall be considered as read (except that modifications shall be reported), shall be debatable for 40 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Armed Services or their designees, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. For the purpose of inclusion in such amendments en bloc, an amendment printed in the form of a motion to strike may be modified to the form of a germane perfecting amendment to the text originally proposed to be stricken. The original proponent of an